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SUBJ: ILLNESS OF FORMER IRISH PRESIDENT DE VALERA

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1. FOR POSSIBLE USE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE IN THE  
EVENT OF THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT EAMONN DE VALERA,  
TRANSMITTED BELOW ARE DRAFT CONDOLENCE MESAGES.

2. FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE: BEGIN QUOTE  
DEAR TAOISEACH: I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND THE  
DEEP SYMPATHY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND MY FAMILY ON THE DEATH  
OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA. OUR COMMON TRADITION OF STRUGGLE  
FOR LIBERTY AND JUSTICE WAS PERSONIFIED IN THE LIFE OF THIS  
DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN. WE ARE PROUD THAT THIS SON OF THE  
UNITED STATES BECAME IRELAND'S LEADER.

OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT THE DEPARTURE OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE  
VALERA IS HEIGHTENED BY THE INTIMATE TIES OF HEART AND CULTURE  
BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE. HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE  
AND GUIDE US. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END QUOTE

3. FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MAJOR VIVION DE VALERA AS SENIOR  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAMILY: BEGIN QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE  
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE MRS. FORD AND I EXTEND TO YOU  
AND YOUR FAMILY OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE LOSS OF FORMER  
PRESIDENT DE VALERA. THE MONUMENT TO HIS LONG LIFE IS A FREE  
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AND INDEPENDENT IRELAND, AND LIBERTY-LOVING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

MOURN HIS PASSING. AMERICA IS PROUD TO HAVE SHARED THIS GREAT  
PATRIOT WITH IRELAND AND WITH THE WORLD. HIS MEMORY WILL  
ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS. GERALD R. FORD END QUOTE

4. FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT O DALAIGH: BEGIN QUOTE  
DEAR PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I WANT TO  
CONVEY TO YOU AND THE IRISH PEOPLE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON  
THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA. HE WAS A GREAT  
STATESMAN WHO WAS ADMIRER AND RESPECTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE  
ATLANTIC AND WHO WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE  
HEARTS OF AMERICANS. WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY HIS PASSING,  
BUT WE ARE CONSOLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS LIFE AND  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL STAND AS AN ETERNAL MEMORIAL TO THE  
IDEALS WE HOLD IN COMMON. SINCERELY YOURS, GERALD R. FORD END  
QUOTE

5. FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER GARRET FITZGERALD:  
BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MINISTER: MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO YOU ON  
THE SAD OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA.  
WE IN AMERICA KNEW HIM AS A LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE IN THEIR  
STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND AS A WORLD STATESMAN DEVOTED TO  
ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FREEDOM FOR ALL NATIONS. HIS  
IDEALS WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ALL WHO WORK TOWARD THIS SAME  
GOAL. SINCERELY YOURS, HENRY A. KISSINGER END QUOTE  
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